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Affordable textbooks for all?

Gina Barone
News Editor

\$898 is the average amount students spend on textbooks per year, according to the Government Accountability Office of Congress. PUC faculty and student organizations have been trying to combat this cost by different means.

The Student Government Association recently introduced Legislation S.09-01, The Textbook Affordability Act. This act was written to change PUC policy and put restrictions on faculty to make textbooks more affordable for students at PUC.

Currently, faculty members are the primary persons who choose textbooks, reports the Student Public Interest Research Group. Professors also may also author their assigned book and may benefit financially from the book's publisher based upon sales. The sales of a new textbook are highest in the first years after it has been published, so there is a tendency for publishers to push development of new editions of



Chronicle photo by Catherine Grace

College students often feel like they are financially bound to their textbooks.

the textbooks to make old versions obsolete. This makes buying used books difficult for students.

"College textbooks are becoming more expensive," said SGA Vice President Jessie Martin. "Especially during these difficult

economic times, we need to be doing everything we can to make college textbooks more affordable."

In the last 18 years, prices have risen by 186 percent, according to The Journal of

Higher Education. According to the investigation by the Government Accountability Office of Congress, currently 26 percent of the cost of the average tuition to a four year university goes to textbooks. A staggering 72 percent

of tuition goes to textbooks if attending the average community college.

"Answers will not be found in simple solutions. This is because most of these simple solutions do not address the root causes of the problem. Just as students are feeling the effects of increasing costs in materials, so are libraries," said Dr. Frank Cervone, Vice Chancellor for Information Services.

Another aspect of the issue is textbook packaging. According to the National Association of College Stores, when students have the opportunity to purchase items in a textbook package separately, 60 percent choose to do so. While used textbooks currently make up about 35 to 40 percent of the total amount students purchase, only 18 percent are from college bookstores.

If the Textbook Affordability Act is enacted, PUC faculty will have to follow guidelines and limitations in regards to choosing their textbooks.

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Convocation exceeds expectations

Nathyn Gibson
Editor-in-Chief

The promise of free food, music, and information

tion about student organizations lured students to the Founder's Plaza on Thursday. For the third consecutive year, PUC began the academic year with the Student Convocation.

Thursday's event started as Chancellor Howard Cohen used a food metaphor to encourage students to experience the wide variety of things PUC has to offer instead of settling

for the things with which the students are comfortable.

Following Cohen was SGA President David Ober, who compared the signing of the Treaty of Paris to the experience students feel as they start college, and compared the student's journey to a metaphor used in Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken."

Richard Rupp, the acting head for the History and Political Science Department, led a panel of eight to talk

about their experience with PUC.

Associate Professor Janet Tazbir talked about how she takes her experience of being a student at PUC and uses it when she teaches.

"When you come into my classroom, I hope you walk away with some knowledge, but I hope you walk away with a little bit of me," said Tazbir. "We're here because of [the students]."

Mindy Dalgarn, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs,

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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Job Opportunities Fair

PUC will be holding it's 5th Annual Student Employment "Job Opportunities Fair" on Tuesday, September 10 in the SUL concourse from 11 am to 3 pm. Dress professionally and bring your resume

National Coming Out Days-Sponsored by Counseling Center

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Calling all Student Organizations!

The Annual Student Organization Mandatory Training is scheduled for Friday, September 18th at the Calumet Conference Center from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Student Organization officers or representatives are required to attend. Please register at <https://esc.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/calendar/showAllEvents.asp>. Contact the Office of Student Activities at 989-2369 or studentactivities@calumet.purdue.edu if any questions. IV game night

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Electoral College Discussion

In celebration of Constitution Day on Sept. 17, The League of Women Voters of the Calumet Area will hold a panel discussion and question session on abolishing the electoral college. The event will be held in Y Jean Chambers Hall from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Professors Wendy St. Jean and Frank Colucci will contribute. For more information, call LWV President Linda Trinkle at (219)805-3314.

Rush 2009 begins

Alpha Psi Lambda will start its first co-ed Rush this semester. Requirements include a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, must be enrolled in at least six credit hours and not a member of any other social fraternity. For more requirements, contact Mike Vargas at (219) 545-8607 or Amando Dominguez (219) 256-2484.

Co-curricular Transcript

Co-curricular transcript is a new way for students to stand out against competition when looking for employment, scholarships, graduate school admission and internships. CcT lists your involvement with outside the classroom activities. This includes club and organization membership, honors and awards, and community service involvement. For more information, visit calumet.purdue.edu/cct.

Music Lunch Series

Steven Moakler will be performing on September 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop it the Oaken Arbor Cafe and enjoy some music while enjoying some music.

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Student Logins

In order to assist our new and returning students, the information below is being provided to help clarify the various logins used by PUC students.

- **Novell** – Login using your career account username, a dot, the first letter of your career account username, another dot, and the word students. Example: **jdoe123.j.students**
Your default password is your 8 digit birth date (mmddyyyy). Please contact the Customer Service Center if you're unsure what your career account username is.
- **Blackboard** – Login using your career account username (Example: **jdoe123**) and current PC Star PIN number.
- **Netmail** - Login using your career account username (Example: **jdoe123**) The default password is your 8 digit birth date (mmddyyyy).
- **PC STAR** – The User ID is your PUID number (the last nine digits only) and the PIN number default is your 6 digit birth date (mmddyy). You will be prompted to change your default PIN the first time you login to PC Star. The new PIN must be a number and it must be 6 characters in length.
- **MyPUC**—Login to the MyPUC portal using your career account username (Example: **jdoe123**) and current PC Star PIN number
- **OnePurdue Employee Self-Service** – Student Employees can access the OnePurdue portal to view their pay statements as well as other important employee contact information. (you may also hear the OnePurdue account referred to as your career account) Log into the OnePurdue portal using your career account username and your career account password. Please contact the Customer Service Center if you need assistance accessing and/or using the portal.

If you have questions concerning any of the logins discussed above, please contact the Customer Service Center at 989-2888, option #2, or visit us in GYTE 133. You can also email your questions to: csc@calumet.purdue.edu

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PUC's videos are so cheesy



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Since I tend to shoot videos at PUC for my vlog (yes, this is a cheap plug), I decided to search YouTube for any videos that have taken place on campus. Outside of finding out there is a man who goes to our school and films being in PUC elevators riding up and down, I also found out that PUC has its own YouTube entitled "Purcal".

I took time out to watch what PUC uses to recruit students and what they find important to put on their page. While some of the videos were beneficial, a couple videos were cheesy enough to be laughable.

The cheesiest video on PUC's YouTube is "Introduction to Experiential Learning at Purdue University Calumet." The two "students" in the video pretend they are engaging in a conversation with the person watching the video. The first thing is the video is shot in front of a green screen showing a part of PUC, and then it makes cheap transitions into a bad slide show. Was it really hard to shoot on location at the school you are trying to promote?

The dialogue in the video is so ridiculous; it makes me want to push for PUC to provide theater majors instead of minors.

No students should make their college decision based on actors talking about their roommates who may or may not be taking classes in Europe or working for Telemundo.

Another video that sticks out to me talks about student affairs on campus. It is more beneficial for potential students due to interviews with actual students, like Brandon Griffin and Steve Foreman. What throws the video back into the realm of cheesy is the random use of the words "smile," "laugh," "strum," "sing," "sail," among a few other "inspiring" words. It's like they are trying to say, "In other universities, you are not allowed to be happy, so come to PUC and be free."

In these videos, why isn't there any talk about intramurals, which I think is one of the key points to make when talking about student life on campus? The videos show footage of the now defunct baseball team but barely show any intramurals. I think they should do a video devoted to the many intramurals they have to offer as they get the best reaction.

Maybe I am judging the videos and their purposes a little harshly. Then again, maybe I'm a little hurt that they always cut me out of the videos despite being at several of the events. Are you ashamed of me, PUC?

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Good intentions avoid issue

The issue: New SGA legislation aims to curb professor authorship.

Our opinion: The SGA's legislation is well-intentioned but far off mark.

No college student enjoys paying through the nose for textbooks, but professor authorship contributes little to the problem of overpricing. The real conundrum comes from the capitalistic publishing industry. For the same reason students and teachers alike have to relearn minute MLA changes every few years, textbook publishers urge authors to update with new editions just to sell more units. This is why used books are harder to sell and buy.

Rather than punishing

the educators who are looking to make a buck just like everyone else, the SGA should focus on promoting more revolutionary formats of textbook distribution. Companies such as CourseSmart are embracing technology by providing thousands of "eTextbooks," which are available on computers and iPhones for a fraction of the cost of bound books. Especially with such innovations as the Kindle, electronic course material may be the future of education.

Instead of attempting futile circumvention of the capitalistic ways of America, we can take advantage of our profit-driven society. By enforcing legislation that pertains to potentially cheaper alternatives, such as CourseSmart, we can use capitalism to our benefit as we drive traditional textbook sales down, forcing those publishers to rethink their business model. At the same time, we can bring PUC into the twenty-first century, a win-win for our entire campus.

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Food for thought



Fadal Ahmed
Business Manager

The Student Convocation, a celebration to welcome students at the start of each year, was great. But why did it have to be on September 3? Some people might say it's because the convocation has to be early in the school year. However, why during the day? It's possibly because there are more students on campus during the day than there are at night. However, there is a fair amount of practicing Muslim students at PUC, including myself, who cannot eat during the day during Ramadan.

Ramadan started on Friday, August 21 and will continue for 30 days until Saturday, September 19. During Ramadan, Muslims cannot eat, drink, smoke, or in any way ingest something into their bodies from sunrise to sunset. The Convocation began at 11 a.m. and lasted until 2 p.m. Food was provided for students during those hours, but Muslims were not able to eat.

"I walked behind the SUL building, and I smelled barbeque cooking. The barbeque smelled delicious. However, I still had seven hours before I could eat, which was unfortunate because barbeque is one of my favorite American foods."

The Convocation is presumably paid for by tuition and student service fee dollars. Muslim students pay their portion of those dollars. Shouldn't Muslims be able to enjoy that barbeque? I think they should, and I think it is unfair for the university to hold an event with food during the day during Ramadan. In effect, the university did not invite followers of Islam to eat during Convocation. So, I think we should get our money back or hold next year's convocation at night, where we all can eat and enjoy the convocation.

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The original rock band is back!

TJ Creech
Staff Writer

With the recent explosion of the rhythm & music-oriented video games lately, it was only a matter of time before famous bands were thrown into the mix. Guitar Hero already has Aerosmith and Metallica, and will continue their list later this year with Van Halen. However, the videogame Rock Band will now have complete bragging rights to one of the world's most popular bands: The Beatles. "The Beatles: Rock Band" is a project that has been in the works for a few years and is finally being released September 9.

Anyone who has played the Guitar Hero or Rock Band games before will recognize the basic formula: colored notes fall from a "highway" on your scene, the objective is to hit the right notes with your guitar or drums, and the singing is just like karaoke. To people who have never played one of these games it may sound boring, but as soon

as a person starts, they are sure to be hooked. While the premise of "The Beatles: Rock Band" may still be the same, the game itself is not.

The first thing that comes to mind when thinking about The Beatles is the music, because, after all, that is the most important part, and this version of Rock Band does not disappoint. The game includes over 40 songs, including "Paperback Writer," "Revolution," and "A Hard Day's Night." The producers and creators of Rock Band will also eventually release additional downloadable content, with the song, "All You Need is Love" available to buy on the date of the game's release.

Besides just music, the special edition bundle pack will include a microphone with stand, a Hofner Bass once played by Paul McCartney, and a Ludwig drum set with a black pearl finish that was once made famous by Ringo Starr. If those items do not appeal, then others can be purchased, such as the Rickenbacker 325

guitar, played by John Lennon or the Gretsch Duo Jet played by George Harrison.

If gamers still do not care about those featured items, they are still able to use the old guitar and drum controllers. The game will also feature the real venues where The Beatles played, including "The Ed Sullivan Show" and Abbey Road Studios.

The game play remains almost the same with a few exciting additions. Instead of "career mode," there will be a story mode where players can follow The Beatles through their amazing career and unlock videos and pictures in the process. The most exciting addition in the game allows for three person harmonies, which means that at certain parts in songs three people can now sing at once, which will truly add to the full Beatles experience! Players will also love the art style, which has a great 1960s psychedelic feel.

"The Beatles: Rock Band" will retail for \$59.99 on the Xbox 360, Wii and the PS3,



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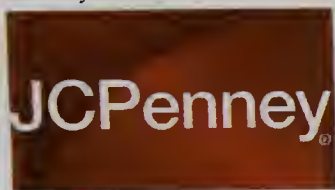
while the special edition bundles will be \$249.99, and the two extra guitars will retail for \$99.99 each. "The Beatles: Rock Band" is sure to make a big splash this year with

the new game play experience and will quite possibly start Beatlemania all over again.

Flashing the fashion

Maria Gonzalez
Staff Writer

After spending a great deal of money on books and classes, it's time to start finding great deals and flash the fashion. As mentioned in last week's Chronicle, jeans, over-the-knee boots, blazers, cardigans, and fedoras, just to name a few, are the latest fashion. Here are some places you can check out for these latest styles.



JCPenney carries most of the new styles. Pricing may seem

a bit steep, but it holds a good bargain on t-shirts, jackets, and blazers. Old Navy's affordable specialty item is denim jeans. They hold a variety of jeans, from boot cut, to flare, and even classic styles. This is the best denim stop to make.

OLD NAVY

Another Old Navy pick would have to be sweaters. The sweaters at Old Navy are not as expensive as other locations, and there are many colors and argyle patterns to choose from. If you want the lumberjack plaid look, Target usually carries plaid items, from sweaters to shirts, which are also available in many different

colors.

Carson Pirie Scott is another great shopper stop.



Carson's has adorable fedoras in plenty of unique colors. With or without a bad hair day, this item is selling like hot cakes. In addition to fedoras, Carson's beautiful scarves are ideal to complete the flare of any outfit. They also have many varieties of scarves to choose from, such as woven, knitted, plaid, and more. Fashion Bug is another high competitor with vibrant and vividly colored scarves.

If these department stores' prices still seem rather steep, another great store is A.J. Wright.



They have many name-brands in clothes, shoes, purses, and accessories. All of these name-brand items are half off of the original price and are available for both men and women. The best thing about A.J. Wright is even if you are low on cash, there is a lay-away service.

After all the shopping is completed, finish off the look with a new hairstyle and manicure. When looking for an affordable fresh hairstyle, try going to some of the beauty and barber schools. Beauty schools are usually cheaper than going to an actual salon or barber shop. Some local schools to try out are

Creative Hairstyling Academy located in Highland or Don Roberts School of Hair Design located in Schererville, which offers hair, nail, and skin services. For manicures, Crown College of Cosmetology, located in Crown Point, has very affordable manicures that start at \$8 and pedicures start at \$15.

There are many other schools available in Northwest Indiana, so take your time when selecting a location, and keep in mind these are students who are doing the styling, so it is best to try to be comfortable and have confidence in the person who is sprucing up your look.

With all the fabulous new styles around and reasonably priced items available, have fun flashing the new you!

'Bastards' break box office

Cody Cummings
Staff Writer

"Inglourious Bastards" is most definitely not your typical World War II film. Written and directed by Quentin Tarantino, this movie is set in an alternate World War II universe, à la "Watchmen." It has a very unique style to it, and also tends to jump between the stories of the three main characters quite often, with little or no reason for the switch.

Violence in this movie is rather sparse compared to some of Tarantino's other movies, such as "Planet Terror." The violence that is in the movie, however, is often very quick and comes at you unexpectedly, which seems to make it stick out more. Aside from being violent, this movie

also has bits of humor thrown in, often by Brad Pitt's character Aldo.

Aldo Raine (Brad Pitt), who is the leader of a Jewish-American military group that is dropped into France with the mission of killing Nazi Soldiers, with the intention of spreading fear in the Nazi military ranks. The group's reputation for slaughtering the Nazi soldiers earned them the name "The Bastards" by the German military.

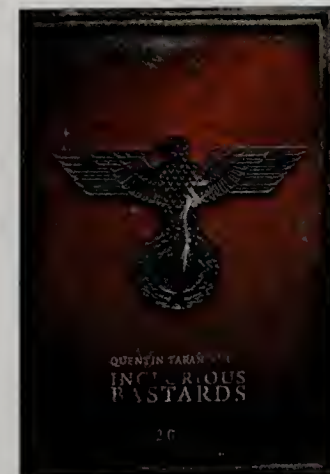
The second character followed is the German military colonel named Hans Landa (Christoph Waltz), who is tasked with the mission of tracking down Jews that are hiding in France. His proficiency at his job has earned him the name of "The Jew Hunter."

Third is Shosanna Dreyfus (Mélanie Laurent), who is a Jewish girl that escapes being shot when her family's hiding place is discovered by the Nazis. While she escapes, the rest of her family is not so lucky. The death of her family at the hands of the Nazis has left her with a great deal of hatred for the Nazi military.

Tarantino has succeeded in making very memorable characters. It is most difficult to decide which character is more memorable: Brad Pitt's portrayal as Aldo or Christoph Waltz's portrayal as Hans Landa. Hans Landa is the all-too-smart antagonist of the movie, who can easily tell when people are lying with a very keen ear for accents and can see through almost any ruse. Aldo, however, is a street

smart hillbilly from Maynardville, Tennessee. Almost every one of his lines in the movie seems to be a joke that always fits the situation and elicits a laugh. This is especially entertaining when used to break a tense situation.

This movie is very entertaining, especially while Aldo is on the screen, and causes movie-goers to wonder what joke he is going to make next. The only fault there seems to be with this film is that it can tend to drag on in some parts, seeming as though it will go on forever. Overall, this movie should be awarded 4 out of 5 stars.



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MUST SEE VIRAL VIDEOS

Nathyn Gibson
Editor-in-Chief



Fat Kid Loves Bacon

<http://www.collegehumor.com/video/1919941>

This is a clip from ABC's Wife Swap where a young boy, Curtis, attempts to lay down the law and plans to run away because the swapped mom proceeds to clean the refrigerator of junk food, including Curtis's beloved bacon.



8 Local News Segments Gone Horribly Wrong

http://www.cracked.com/video/17779_8-local-news-segments-gone-horribly-wrong.html

From Cracked.com, Michael Swaim discusses everything that can go wrong in broadcast journalism, including the man who popularized the phrase "Boom goes the dynamite!"



Glenn Beck Freak Out: REMIX!!

http://www.barelypolitical.com/remix/episode/PRM_20090718

Barely Political takes a clip of Glenn Beck's radio show where Beck snaps at a caller and adds techno music to it. Add some edited footage of Beck's comedy tour and you have this little dance number.



Auto-Tune the News #8

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDOYN-6gdRE>

This installment features ESPN Sportcaster Scott Van Pelt and Vice President Joe Biden and special appearance by T-Pain, who has a career due to the same musical process that makes these videos entertaining.



Puppy Can't Roll Back Over

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwMdE5z5KGw>

You can add another video to the list of viral videos that are meant to be adorable as this puppy finds it difficult to get to his legs



Most Awesome - Office Pranks

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-ePAXQoPE>

In honor of Labor Day, break.com has put together a series of the best office and work related pranks.

Health & fitness corner

LeAnne Munoz
Entertainment Editor

Sometimes staying fit seems to be a relentless job that does not garner the results that many are looking for. People make sacrifices in the name of fitness: juice is substituted for soda, lattes become a "Grande" instead of a "Venti," and bread is eaten sparingly. While little changes in a diet can lead to results, making sure the right changes are being made is the key to cutting out calories in order to make a waistline whittle.

Here are some easy tips on how to cut at least 100 calories for each meal.

Breakfast:

- Trade regular bacon for the healthier alternative, turkey bacon.
- Instead of juice, try drinking water instead. Can't go

without? Make homemade juice by squeezing some oranges to make the drink less sugary.

Lunch:

- Take the bun off of hamburgers.
- Blot grease from pizza with a napkin.
- Use wheat tortillas instead of white flour tortillas when making tacos or quesadillas.

Snack:

- Munch on kettle corn popcorn, instead of the buttery type.
- Ditch the chips and snack on pretzels instead.
- Even better than chips or pretzels? Satisfy a craving for crunchiness with baby carrots or celery.

Dinner:

- Avoid breading any dinner meat.
- Use low-sodium chicken

broth to sauté veggies.

- Trade white rice for healthier wheat rice.
- Replace items like sour cream or mayonnaise with Greek yogurt.

Dessert:

- Have sugar-free Jello instead of pudding.
- Substitute dark chocolate for milk chocolate.
- Try a sorbet instead of ice cream.
- If ice cream is a must, skip the cone and use a bowl.



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Textbooks continued from Page 1

"We have to invent creative solutions to assist students in finding cheaper alternatives to expensive new books and make these alternatives more accessible," said SGAVP Jessie Martin.

However, PUC has already been working on several aspects of this problem already.

Dr Cervone points out that every school has a "textbook liaison," which is a faculty person that works with the faculty within the school and the staff of the bookstore to find creative ways of lowering the overall price of textbooks to students.

"The History and Political Science Department has started requesting professors to unify their main textbooks by choosing one that is high quality and inexpensive," said Dr. Wendy St. Jean, a history professor. "I think that this is a very good policy, because it makes shopping for textbooks less confusing at the bookstore and adds quality control, which is especially important."

SGA president David Ober feels that no matter the policy, students should at least have a say, especially when it is a policy that directly affects them.

Another solution the legislation proposes is relief from professors assigning their own published texts for their classes.

SPiRG feels this demonstrates shameless promotion and royalties. However, some professors feel using their own text creates a customization for the course. There are also professors who chose to sell their books to their students at a cost, saving them hundreds of dollars, reported the National Association of College Stores.

In addition, time restrictions will also be placed on PUC faculty members in regards to new editions of textbooks which will enable students to have more used book options. Additionally, more textbooks will be classified as "recommended," "optional" or "supplemental," which will give students the option whether or not to buy the books.

All textbooks classified as "recommended," "optional" or "supplemental" will be provided to PUC students at no charge either through the library, handout, or electronic source.

The SGA suggests the education market should be held to a higher standard, and making textbooks affordable is an essential aspect of their plan.

"There are many concerns related to the ever increasing costs of textbooks," said Dr. Cervone. "However, the problem is very complex and is not easily solved."

It's good to be MADD

Gina Barone
News Editor

Last year, 15,121 people were killed in an alcohol-related crash, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. 1,700 of those people were college students between the ages of 18 and 24.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving recently initiated a plan to combat these statistics. TaxiCard is a service provided by MADD that offers a prepaid card that is accepted by any cab, sedan or limousine service. The card is not linked to traditional checking or credit lines, so if cash is short, TaxiCard can be easily used for a ride home.

Another service provided by MADD is #Taxi which works through cell phones. #Taxi allows cell phone users to simply dial #8-2-9-4 to connect to the first available cab or taxi company of their choice.

MADD is taking an interest in college students not only due to fatality rates but also as part of a strategy to combat alcohol-related incidents across the board.

"It's phenomenal that MADD is reaching out to students," said Raquel Perez, Secretary for Student Organizations. "A lot of students are low on cash, and this would be great. However, they should take more steps to prevent it. Otherwise, they're almost promoting drinking."



Give us a break!

Gina Barone
News Editor

This week PUC students begin their second week in the fall semester. Next year at this time, however, students may be entering their third week. The Student Government Association is presenting legislation that would add more days off in PUC's fall semester.

"It is completely needed," said SGA president David Ober. "Why are we different from the other Purdue campuses? We need to be synced up with the rest of the state."

The PUC Counseling Center has shown an increase in students looking for help in the weeks preceding mid-term exams. The Office of the Registrar has also showed an increase in students withdrawing from classes around the same time.

The proposed legislation is intended to help alleviate stress students deal with at mid-term time. The SGA feels the additional days would give students a break from anxiety, as well as put them on the same schedule as their fellow friends or family members who might be attending other universities in Indiana.

"I think starting a week earlier is decent, because we've had 3 months off already for summer," said junior and psychology major Connie Matusiak. "It also would be more convenient for those who are planning on going out of town. Having those 2 extra days added to fall break would be well worth going back a week earlier, because come November, I'll need as long of a break as I can possibly get."

Last Wednesday, the Faculty Senate held its first meeting in which the fall break proposal was mentioned. New Senate Chairman Samuel Liles spoke about the act and professors seemed interested in discussing the legislation further.

If enacted, two extra days would be given the Friday before Labor Day and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, giving PUC students a four and five day recess respectively. Fall semester would then begin for PUC students between August 20 and 26.

This piece of legislation is currently on the way to the Faculty Senate. If enacted, the fall break initiative will be put into effect for the 2010-2011 academic calendar.

MADD is also behind a new highway bill currently before the U.S. Congress which would require all convicted DUI drivers nationwide to have an interlock system installed in their car. This system would detect how much alcohol is in the driver's system and shut the car down when necessary. These systems are currently in many cars owned by DUI-convicted drivers; however this new bill would expand the use of the system exponentially.

"Regardless of the services MADD is offering, students are still going to drink

and drive, but I think it's good that someone is trying to help," said Zach VanCurine, a senior history and marketing major.

MADD was founded in 1980 by a group of mothers who had been devastated by the effects of drunk driving. According to their mission statement, today it is a large organization, with more than 3 million members and supporters working together to organize, plan and implement a course of action. MADD feels these steps need to be taken as they have proven to work and will continue to save lives.

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According to the Governors Highway Safety Association

- **15,121 people were killed in an alcohol-related crash last year. 1,700 of those people were college students between the ages of 18-24.**
- **Alcohol was related in the 87,000 college student cases of sexual abuse reported last year.**
- **696,000 reported cases of students being assaulted by someone who had been drinking.**
- **599,000 college students' unintentional injuries were blamed on alcohol use.**

Convocation continued from Page 1

said the Student Convocation provides a wonderful mix of the many things that are offered at PUC.

The Convocation also provided a platform for student organizations to promote themselves.

Jeremy Musch, a member of the Chemistry Club says the Student Convocation brings more awareness to the club than any of the club-sponsored activities. Pieces of dry ice sat on the Chemistry Club table for students to look at.

Natalie Mora, the Los Latinos President also said the Convocation helps her organization.

"It gives Los Latinos a chance to get out there and let students know that this organization is here," said Mora, a junior in visual communications.

Jonathan Montalvo, a senior in Spanish international

studies, talked about coming from Puerto Rico five years ago, with no ability to speak English, and credited PUC with helping him learn the language.

Like last year, White Dove provided reggae music for students, including covers of Bob Marley songs.

Herbkoe Fun Foods and Chartwells provided the wide arrange of food and drinks including hamburgers, snowcones, fudge puppies, pretzels and fruit shake-ups.

For the second year, a horse was displayed outside of the Porter building to promote the Equine Management major.

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Tennis courts could be ace



Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

Thanks to Chris, a Chronicle reader, for posting a comment on our Web site about a story in the Aug. 31 edition. Not because he wrote a comment, but because he gave me inspiration to write this column.

Yes, tennis courts are planned for PUC. They are tentatively proposed to be built on the land between the Phase II University Village housing and the National Guard armory. Again, though, it's still in the future. The university hasn't secured funding for this or the other athletic facilities in planning.

Athletic Director Robert Bunnell said most of the funding is going to come from outside sources -- meaning much of the funding is going to have to come from companies and private donation. Not having those figures -- because they have yet to be compiled -- I imagine these facilities will not be cheap.

In the midst of a troubled economy, it is going to take some wheeling and dealing by the Athletic Department and some very charitable hearts to make these planned facilities happen. It was explained that a baseball, softball, or soccer field - or even tennis courts - would cost real money and would need real donations.

Yes, companies would be willing to pitch in and maybe get their name on any facility. But times are a bit tough at the moment. How willing is a company going to be to donate this real money?

And yes, eventually this real money will materialize, and this university will get real facilities, but it will probably be a slow process, and Bunnell knows it. I just want the student body to know it.

However, some food for thought: Stranger things have happened, and maybe Bunnell will get the cash needed to build these facilities.

On a lighter note, though, let's keep thinking they will happen and let's pray for tennis courts. Just think, if tennis courts are built, next time the Student Government Association decides to not have a student government for a year, they can use it to write a new constitution on the planned tennis courts.

Viva la SGA. Viva la tennis.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Casey at chronicle_sports_editor@yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

September 2009 Intramurals

Open Play Dodgeball

Dates: September 10th/14th & 17th
All games will take place in the gym from 7:30-9pm

Open Play Bocce Ball

Date: Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30pm
Location: Grassy area between Gyte & Lawshe
Learn the game or just play some pick-up games

Home Run Derby

Date: Wednesday, September 16th @ 7pm
Location: PUC Gym
We will be using wiffleballs

Flag Football:

Call out Meeting: Monday, September 21st @ 6:30pm
Meeting required for all team captains
Season starts: September 28th
All games to be played on Monday & Wednesday nights

Frisbee Golf (Night Frolf):

Date: Tuesday, September 22nd @ 7pm
Location: Knickerbocker Park (2 blocks west of campus on 173rd)
We will use glow-in-the dark Frisbees
Pizza & Root Beer after tournament for all who participate

Volleyball

Season Starts: Thursday, September 24th
Entry Deadline: Sept. 21st
All games to be played in PUC Gym on Thursday nights

Eating Contest:

Date: Tuesday, September 29th @ 7pm
Discipline: Cupcakes (Hostess)
Entry Deadline: Sept. 24th

Pro Sports Notebook

Football

Minnesota Vikings' quarterback Brett Favre has been fined \$10,000 for an illegal block. Favre threw an illegal crack back block against Houston Texan's defensive back, Eugene Wilson, in a pre-season game.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is pushing to get rid of the National Football League's policy of revenue sharing once the collective bargaining agreement ends.

Baseball

Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki is the second fastest player in Major League Baseball history to hit 2,000 hits. Suzuki has played 1,402 games in the MLB.

Soccer

The United States men's soccer team achieved 2-1 victory over El Salvador in World Cup qualifying. The team has three matches left in the final round of qualifying.

Basketball

This year John Stockton, David Robinson and Michael Jordan are being inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

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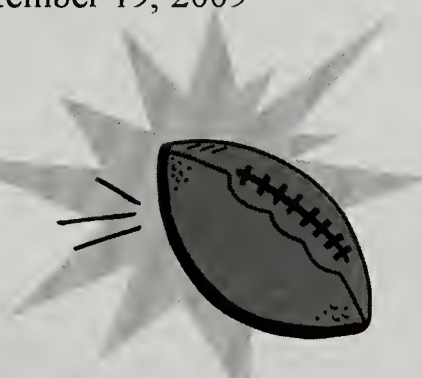


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Purdue Football Game Trip

Saturday, September 19, 2009

- Purdue vs. Northern Illinois at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette
- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Only \$35 for PUC Students
- Includes round-trip bus transportation and game



Register: Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, LAWS-352. Questions? Call 989-2367.

NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE

By: Keith Alberstadt, Ryan Murphy and Chris Strait

Michael Vick amassed just 61 total yards in three quarters of action against the Jets. It's not easy evading linebackers when you have an electronic bracelet on your ankle.

Former Mets pitcher Jerry Koosman has been sentenced to six months in prison for not paying his taxes. Could be worse - he could have spent the last six months on the Mets.

The Nevada Supreme Court has denied O.J. Simpson's request to be let out of prison. Now he'll never be able to find his wife's real killer.

Veteran coach Lou Holtz predicted Notre Dame will play in the BCS title game. So Lou Holtz has officially lost it.

Andrew Bogut told Bucks fans to lower their expectations for this upcoming season, which will be hard to do, since they're already Bucks fans.

The Rockies and Giants are going back and forth for the NFL Wild Card spot. There's so much flip-flopping, one of the teams might sign Brett Favre.

The Vancouver Canucks have signed Roberto Luongo to a 12-year contract. Assuming the NHL is still around in 12 years.

Ricky Rubio has turned down the Timberwolves, saying playing for the team would be too complicated. That's right Minnesota: it's not you, it's me.

As many as 12 NFL teams could be facing local TV blackouts this season. The Lions are hoping their blackout goes national.

Former Mighty Morphin' Power Ranger David Frank will join the UFC. He'd have become a wrestler, but he's not good enough at acting.

Beginning next year, a bulkier batting helmet will be required equipment for all minor league players. Including the Mets.

The Houston Rockets have been in talks with several teams about moving veteran guard Brent Barry. The talks are going almost as slowly as Barry himself.

And Alex Rodriguez may require a second surgery following the season. We're hoping it's to sew his mouth shut.

Summers' heat comes to Peregrine's B-ball

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

Summers might be over on September 1, but PUC's Summers is going to be around for a while. Lake Central High School graduate Eric Summers recently signed with the PUC men's basketball team.

Summers originally was planning on attending Purdue West Lafayette to play baseball, but then decided to stay in the area and attend PUC to play basketball.

"My senior year was hard, knowing that I wasn't going to be playing basketball anymore," Summers said.

Summers had been at Purdue West Lafayette for a week when he decided to leave.

"I had just started baseball work outs when I decided I didn't want to be there anymore and came home. Then I called Coach [Voudrie], and he said

he would love to have me," said Summers.

Coach Voudrie, PUC men's basketball coach, said that he was contacted by Summers' family on Tuesday, August 25 and by Thursday, August 27, Summers came in to sign.

In his junior year, Summers first popped up on PUC's radar when Voudrie attended a Crown Point High School versus Lake Central High School basketball game.

"It was actually at both games of that year [LC vs. CP], while looking to recruit another player from Crown Point. We saw Lake Central upset Crown Point both times and noticed Eric had good games each time," Voudrie said.

Summers name was entered in a PUC recruit database and was put on a list to keep an eye on him, but a university at PUC's level doesn't take a lot of time to recruit juniors, Voudrie said.

"In July [after his junior season], he was one of the five to seven guys I had pinpointed as a possible key recruit from the region. When I began to do some research and find out the possibilities of that, I was steered another direction because of his basketball talent," Voudrie said.

Summers is listed at 6 feet 8 inches and 240 pounds. Voudrie says Summers brings attention to our program both on and off the court and his size makes defense pay attention to him.

"Coach [Voudrie] informed me that he was looking for another post player and a guy to guard other team's post players," Summers said. "[Voudrie] said I fit that spot perfectly, hopefully I'll be able to come in and start right away and just take up the middle for the team."

Summers said he planned on staying and playing all four years at PUC while pursuing a math teaching degree.

New sports info director hired

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

The PUC Sports Information Director position is going from part-time to full-time. The Athletic Department has chosen to make the position full this year.

The full-time position was decided upon during the planning phase of an athletic growth plan, Athletic Director Robert Bunnell said.

"It goes with our plan to grow the infrastructure of the athletic program along with our sports offerings," Bunnell said.

The full-time position was accepted by Jordan Bruner and work will start on Sept. 14. Bruner has recently been the Assistant Sports Information Director at DePue College in Ohio.

"His [Bruner's] background and interest matched our plans for the development of the

athletic program exceptionally well," Bunnell said.

Longtime Sports Information Director Dave Fanno had filled the position while it was part-time. Fanno was a finalist for the new full-time position, but Bruner was selected for the job.

"Dave was a good friend and I'm going to miss him being around," said Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik.

'OMG!' Intramural texting bee

Josue Almeida
Chronicle Correspondent

PUC intramurals have established different types of competitions each year to get students involved in various fun activities. This year a texting bee was set up to let students prove their skills in how fast and accurate they can type phrases through their phones.

Matt Dudzik, PUC Assistant Athletic Director, and Dan Voudrie, the men's basketball coach, have organized the texting competition. Voudrie said the event is to see who can swiftly and accurately text out a phrase given to competitors.

Dudzik said Voudrie suggested the thought in passing originally.

"I don't remember if I

came up with the idea watching 'Singing Bee' or whether it came to me as a great TV game show idea while talking to Matt about intramural soccer one evening," said Voudrie. "The idea was in passing and eventually we got it sponsored, and it carried on from there."

Best Buy and Verizon Wireless are sponsoring the event, as well as providing phones.

"The phones provided are for those who are worrying about any texting charges, so this will eliminate that and give students a chance to join and not really worry about much other than the fact that they'll be texting on an unfamiliar phone," Dudzik said.

Voudrie said that the provided phones may be used for one-on-one face offs or more

heated rounds to prove competitors' skill.

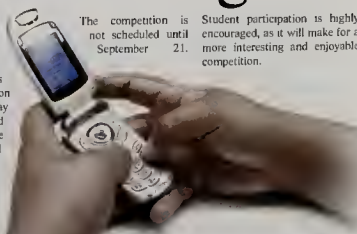
PUC student Dominic Jurassi, a freshman and engineering major, was interested in the event and, upon learning of what the format may be like, found the provided phones to be fair in one-on-one face off. However, rules and format are still in development for this competition.

Dudzik and Voudrie have both mentioned the fairness on using phones provided by Verizon over students using their own familiar phone.

The event rules are still not official, and there is a lot of preparing before the registration deadline, which is September 18.

The competition is not scheduled until September 21.

Student participation is highly encouraged, as it will make for a more interesting and enjoyable competition.



Intramural Texting Bee
September 21 @ 6 p.m.
Deadline to enter:
September 18